

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(5)


**TO:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 5, 2016

**FROM:** Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing and directing the County Mayor to immediately allow County employees to contribute leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund established by Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating the value of leave time to Hurricane Matthew Relief Efforts in Haiti and the Bahamas; directing the Mayor or Mayor's designee to evaluate options and pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, provide a report to this Board with the Mayor's recommendation no later than October 17, 2016 and place the completed report on the next available agenda

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Jean Monestime.

  
Abigail Price-Williams  
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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10-5-16

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO CONTRIBUTE LEAVE TIME TO THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUND ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-1071-05 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING THE VALUE OF LEAVE TIME TO HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF EFFORTS IN HAITI AND THE BAHAMAS; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE OPTIONS AND PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 14-65, PROVIDE A REPORT TO THIS BOARD WITH THE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 17, 2016 AND PLACE THE COMPLETED REPORT ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENDA

**WHEREAS**, on October 3, 2016, Florida Governor Scott issued Executive Order Number 16-230 declaring a state of emergency for all Florida counties because Hurricane Matthew poses a severe threat to the entire State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Matthew has already caused and will cause significant damage in several parts of the Caribbean especially Haiti and the Bahamas; and

**WHEREAS**, there will likely be significant needs throughout the Caribbean as a result of Hurricane Matthew; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of Miami-Dade County have family members, friends and business relationships with our neighbors in Haiti and the Bahamas; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters including communities in Texas, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York and the Caribbean, *e.g.* Resolution Nos. R-1031-07, R-972-08, R-1103-08, R-01-10, R-977-12; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide a mechanism for providing assistance to other communities, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Disaster Relief Fund so that County employees could contribute earned annual and holiday leave time to benefit victims of natural disasters and in rebuilding communities affected by natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, generous County employees took advantage of the fund established by Resolution No. R-1071-05 and contributed their earned holiday and annual leave to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief fund, to victims of the Earthquake in Haiti in 2010, to the victims of Hurricane Sandy in 2012, and to the victims of Hurricane Joaquin in 2015,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

**Section 1.** This Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to immediately allow the donation by County employees of earned annual and holiday leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund authorized by Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating the value of those annual and holiday leave hours up to a limit of \$250,000 for the purpose of Hurricane Matthew relief efforts in Haiti and the Bahamas.

**Section 2.** The County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall publicize and make available forms for employees to complete in order to authorize such earned annual and holiday leave contributions. The authorization forms to be distributed by the County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall include a statement that the Board of County Commissioners has approved contributions of earned annual and holiday leave time for the purpose of Hurricane Matthew relief efforts.

**Section 3.** This Board directs the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to evaluate options for the funds donated pursuant to this resolution to determine the most effective means for impacting the hardest-hit underserved communities in Haiti and the Bahamas ravaged by Hurricane Matthew to include agencies such as Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) of Haiti, Caritas Haiti, Federation Protestante d' Haiti. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, the County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board with the Mayor's recommendation no later than October 17, 2016, and shall place the completed report on the next available agenda.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Daniella Levine Cava

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

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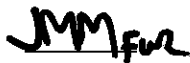
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Eric A. Rodriguez